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Agricultural Survey Is an Opportunity to Provide the Facts

(Athens, GA, May 9, 2000) How many acres of cotton and peanuts will Georgia have this year? What did spring planting conditions mean for American agriculture? To gather reliable, objective information, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be surveying farmers for the June Agricultural Survey.

There is always speculation about each new crop season and agricultural producers are the main source for the facts. "If we speak up and answer the questions about the 2000 crop season, we can reduce uncertainty in the agriculture marketplace," says Commissioner of Agriculture Tommy Irvin.

The Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service will be conducting the survey and a representative will contact local producers between May 30 and June 16. The representative will be using aerial photography to account for all the land use within sampled areas of the state. This survey is particularly vital because it will provide the first clear indications of the potential production of major commodities in 2000.

The information gathered is widely used. Producers rely on the data to reach valid production, marketing, and investment decisions. Industry analysts, extension agents, and farm organizations use the information in a variety of ways that benefit farmers.

"We safeguard the confidentiality of all survey responses," Dave Abbe, Georgia's State Statistician, says. "Information from individual operations is combined with other responses to provide the needed data." NASS works with farmers to provide meaningful, accurate, and objective statistics that help keep everyone informed about U.S. agriculture.

For a copy of the finished report or to obtain other agricultural statistics, visit the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service website at www.nass.usda.gov/ga or call 1-800-253-4419.

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